

October 17, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, October 17, 2011, in the Village Board Room. Village President Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Larry Miller, Dave Tiffan, and Iris Dicks. Trustee JD Kuhns was absent.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of October 3, 2011, were approved as corrected, and the Palmer Street Bridge Dedication Ceremony minutes of October 3, 2011, were approved as presented.

Village President Comments and Announcements

- President Bernius stated next month will be the six-month mark in the fiscal year. He asked the HR Committee to work with the other Committees about employee evaluations.
- He stated he received a notice that there has been a change in the CIMOA meeting speaker.
- There is a Central Illinois Municipal Legal Seminar on November 17 from 1-5pm at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sue Perrine commented on the financial documents, the status of payments from the state, and the potential of a reduction in personal property replacement tax that might be used to pay the Regional Superintendents of Schools.

Trustees' Reports

- I. Dicks reminded everyone about the luncheon for the Welcome Center volunteers on Thursday.
- L. Miller heard from some citizens that there is still trash behind IGA from the BBQ Festival and that Village employees had to clean up some ashes. President Bernius stated someone from the Village needs to attend a BBQ Festival meeting to discuss expectations. The new truck should be delivered to Peoria the second week of November, then to the Village sometime probably in December.
- T. Clark suggested a quarterly meeting between the Association of Commerce and Village officials to keep everyone "on the same page." President Bernius stated there wasn't as much grease on the streets as in previous years.

Police Chief's Report - Absent

Village Attorney's Report

- R. Crossman stated he is still working on the railroad right-of-way.

Visitors' Comments

One visitor was present, Jim Fleming.

Old Business – None

New Business

- President Bernius explained some problems with iron in the water from the water plant. He explained the problem with the softeners. The total estimate for the materials and labor from All Service Contracting Corp. is \$22,892. The water plant runs at close to capacity. Additional filtration before it gets to the softeners will be needed due to the iron in the water. The sewer plant project is pretty well finished. T. Clark made a motion to approve the funding for the repairs for the water softeners in the amount of \$22,892. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- S. Perrine reviewed contract for the Village's electricity which ends January 1, 2012. A proposal from Ameren Energy Marketing has been received – a one-year agreement will be 4.552 cents per kilowatt hour, a two-year agreement will be 4.739 cents per kilowatt hour, and a three-year agreement will be 4.927 cents per kilowatt hour. The current rate is 6.125 cents per kilowatt hour. T. Clark made a motion to accept the rate

for the three-year contract at 4.927 cents per kilowatt hour. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

- President Bernius reviewed some of the history of the burning issue. He stated he thought there were fewer people burning; however, there are people still burning at inappropriate times. He distributed a resident's letter addressing breathing problems due to leaf burning. He has spoken with Randall Electric; he is proposing that any resident who uses a local contractor to take care of their leaves or buys landscape waste bags locally and shows a receipt will get a one-time \$5 credit on their water bill. People breathe better and the Village looks better without the smoke. There was much discussion about alternatives and a deadline. T. Clark made a motion to offer an incentive of a \$5 rebate on the water bill with a coupon presented from a local business or contractor for pick up of yard waste. R. Crossman clarified that this is the Village's policy that on a one-time basis a resident will receive a \$5 coupon on the water bill for purchasing from a local vendor either the services of yard waste removal or the paper bags to remove yard waste. L. Miller seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to modify Village code 6-6-4 to prohibit the open burning of landscape waste in the Village limits of Arthur. R. Crossman clarified what is included with landscape waste. L. Miller seconded. The Ordinance number will be 10-17a-11. All Trustees voted YEA.

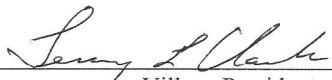
Approve Expenditures

- T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$34,096.77. K. Good seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.
- T. Clark made a motion to approve September expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$97,535.22. K. Good seconded. There was a question about a \$1,000 check to the Arthur Area Association of Commerce. With K. Good's approval, T. Clark amended the motion to approve all checks except check number 31206 which will be voided. All Trustees voted YEA.

Adjourn

President Bernius adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

November 7, 2011